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EMPLOYMENT

2025-	Lecturer Institute of Sociological Studies Charles University, Czechia
2023-	Associate Professor Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts & Sciences Bursa Uludag University, Turkey
2016-2023	Assistant Professor Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts & Sciences Bursa Uludag University, Turkey

(After completing my PhD, I fulfilled a mandatory period of academic service at Bursa Uludağ University from February 2016 to November 2024)

EDUCATION

2010-2015	Ph.D., Sociology University of Cambridge, United Kingdom Thesis Title: "The Representation of Kurds and Arabs in the Production of Television News in Turkey"
2003-2006	M.Sc., Middle East Studies (Best Thesis Award) Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
1999-2003	B.A., Sociology (*Summa cum laude*) Ege University, İzmir, Turkey

AREAS OF INTEREST

Media Sociology (Journalism, the Media Industry, Social Media and News Consumption); Sociology of Digital Technology, Information Practices and AI; Ethnography; Gender; Cultural Sociology

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2026 [Journal article] [with Matthew Powers] "An Ethics of Suppression? How Professional Values Silence Critical Journalism in Turkey." *International Journal of Press/Politics,* Online First. (Doi: 10.1177/19401612261418269)

2025 [Journal article] [with Can Ertuna] "Journalist YouTubers: How Platformization Transforms Journalism in an Authoritarian System." *International Journal of Communication* 19.

2025 [Journal article] [with Selinay Yılmazer] "Rethinking Polysemy and Negotiated Reading of Gender Representation in Television Dramas." *European Journal of Cultural Studies,* Online First. (Doi.org/10.1177/13675494251360183)

2024 [Journal article] "Ideology, Polarization and News Culture: The Secular-Islamist Tension in Turkish Journalism." *International Journal of Press/Politics*, 29(2): 530–547 (Doi: 10.1177/19401612221132716).

2023 [Book chapter] "Divergence or Convergence between Mainstream and Independent Journalism in Turkey? The Coverage of Turkey's Operation Peace Spring." In: *Handbook of Media and Culture in the Middle East* (eds. Joe Khalil et al.). Wiley.

2022 [Journal article] "How Does the Political Enter the Newsroom? The Representation of the Kurdish 'Other' in Turkish Journalism." *Journalism,* 23(11): 2434–2451 (Doi: 10.1177/14648849211015604).

2021 [Journal article] (with Selinay Yılmazer) "A Reception Study on the Image of the Ottoman-Turkish Woman in *Diriliş Ertuğrul* TV Series." *Anadolu University Journal of Social Sciences*, 21(3): 747-768 (Doi: 10.18037/ausbd.1001648).

2019 [Journal article] "Politics, Power and Performativity in the Newsroom: An Ethnography of Television Journalism in Turkey," *Media Culture & Society*, 41(5): 587-603 (Doi: 10.1177/0163443718799400).

2017 [Journal article] "The Fall of the Public and the Moral Contestation in the Journalistic Culture of Turkey," *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication*, 10 (1): 69-85 (Doi: 10.1163/18739865- 01001005)

2017 [Journal article] "Conflictual Approaches to Nationalism in the Islamic Thought in the Late Ottoman Society: A Case Study of the Journal *Sebilür-reşad* (1908-1924)," *Uludağ University Faculty of Arts and Sciences Journal of Social Sciences* 18 (33): 401-427 (Doi: 10.21550/sosbilder.309697)

2012 [Journal article] "Contesting Religious Educational Discourses and Institutions in Contemporary Egypt," *Social Compass*, 59 (1): 84-101 (Doi: 10.1177/0037768611432119).

2010 [Journal article] (with Aykan Erdemir) "Westernization as Cultural Trauma: Egyptian Radical Islamist Discourse on Religious Education," *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 9 (25): 111-132 (A&H Citation Index).

2008 [Book] *Religious Education in Egypt: A Sociological Analysis of Contesting Religious Educational Institutions, Policies and Discourses* (Saarbrücken: VDM Verlag).

GRANTS

2025 *Research Grant*. Principal investigator. "A Sociological Perspective on Algorithms: TikTok Users' Information Practices Regarding the Climate Crisis." Project no. SYL-2025-2528. Bursa Uludag University (1.500 USD).

2024 *Research Grant*. Principal investigator. "Turkish journalistic YouTubers and the transformation of their economic, cultural, social and symbolic capitals from a Bourdieusian perspective." Project no. SHIZ-2024-1831. Bursa Uludag University (1.000 USD).

2022 *Research Grant*. Co-investigator. "False Information in Turkey from the Perspective of Media Users and Resilience to False Information." The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) (40.000 USD).

2017 *Conference and Workshop Grant*. Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, USA. Co-organizer of the workshop on "Anthropology of Media in Turkey: Theory, Methodology, and Future Orientations." Grant Number: CONF-747 (20.000 USD).

2011 *Study Grant* (for PhD fieldwork), British Institute at Ankara, London, United Kingdom (2.500 USD).

2010 *Graduate Research Fund* (for PhD fieldwork), Faculty of Human, Social and Political Science (HSPS) University of Cambridge, United Kingdom (1.000 USD).

INVITED TALKS

May 2017 "Hegemony of Polarization? The consequences of the recent power shift in the Turkish News Media", Dept. of Sociology, Cambridge University, UK.

May 2017 "The Fall of the Public and the Moral Contestation in the Journalistic Culture of Turkey", Dept. of Media and Communications, the University of Goldsmiths, UK.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

May 2021 "Television Journalists as Custodians of Ideology in Turkey." In a special

session entitled "Access, Equity, and Inclusion in Journalism and Journalism Studies: Engaging the Global South – Postcolonial Theory and Journalism Studies," 71st Annual Conference of International Communication Association (ICA). Virtual conference.

May 2018 "Rethinking the Ideology Analysis: A Case Study on the Production of Television News in Turkey." 68th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA). Prague, Czechia.

July 2017 "Saving the 'Reality Principle' in Journalism in 'Post-Truth' Age: Reflections on the Potential Role of Local News Production." 2017 International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) Conference. Cartagena, Columbia.

August 2013 "National Intimacy in the News Production of the Arab Spring in Pro-AKP News Media." 108th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, USA

June 2013 "Re-constitution of the News in the Private Sphere When Journalists are Re-constructing the Other." Advancing Media Production Research, International Communication Association (ICA) Post-Conference, International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) Pre-conference. University of Leeds, United Kingdom.

TEACHING

2025- **Charles University**

Graduate course

Digital Ethnography
Sociology of Digital Technology
Text, Narrative and Discourse Analysis

2016- **Bursa Uludağ University**

Graduate course

Digital Technology and New Media (PhD)
Digital Media and Society (MA)
Globalization (MA)

Undergraduate courses

Media, Culture & Society
Theories of Mass Communication
Classical Sociological Theory
Contemporary Sociological Theory
Introduction to Anthropology
Social Anthropology

2012-2013 **Teaching Assistant**

Undergraduate Supervision in Small Groups, University of Cambridge

- Media, Culture, and Society
- Race and Ethnicity
- Power and Change in the Contemporary World
- The Information Revolution

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

2019 -2023 Erasmus Institutional Coordinator of Bursa Uludag University in Turkey